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**DECLARATION OF DR. HONGJIANG WU
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.131**

I, Hongjiang Wu, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a named co-inventor, along with Stanley T. Crooke, of U.S. application serial number 09/900,425, filed July 6, 2001, entitled "Human RNase III and Compositions and Uses Thereof."
2. I am also a co-author of Wu *et al.*, J. Biol. Chem., 2000, Vol. 275, No.47: 36957-36965 (hereinafter, the "Wu reference").
3. At the time the work reported upon in the Wu reference was performed, the additional co-authors of the Wu reference (Hong Xu and Loren J. Miraglia) were working under the direction of myself or other representatives of the assignee of the present application to develop and/or modify the methods and compositions recited in the claims of the present application.

4. I further declare that statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 4-14-03

By: 
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